

same appreciation for the Town which he found while growing up.

Madam Speaker, Tony was purely altruistic, always thinking of those around him and how he could help them. I had the distinct pleasure and honor to know Tony for over 20 years and often had a front-row seat to his fine work in the auto repair business. He always had his sleeves folded up, ready to get into the grease and get the job done in order to excel beyond the needs of the customer. I also know that he was diligent and passionate with his involvement in town affairs and that he poured his heart and soul into any activity laid before him. Through everything he accomplished, whether it was his contributions to the town's economy, through municipal government, or investing in youth activities, it is worth emphasizing that it was always about leaving behind a stronger community for whom Tony considered family. Though this perspective was Tony's guiding North Star throughout his entire life, everything he did, was in some small way tied to leaving Enfield and our State a better place for Anthony.

Madam Speaker, though the Enfield community lost a force for good with the passing of Tony DiPace, we will always find the space to honor his legacy which now thrives through just about every member of the Enfield community. It is also through the roots of the Crowley family that we can entrust Tony's many surviving brothers and sisters—wherever they may reside—to carry his memory forward. To that end, it is with great respect and admiration that I ask my colleagues in the House join me, in addition to all those that will remember Tony DiPace, in honoring his life and impact on his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICOLE  
ZERNICK

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicole Zernick as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Judith A. Rossie Educator of the Year Award.

Jodi Rossi was a beloved educator that is honored through an award that represents the importance of having a positive impact on students and our community's school systems. Nicole has served as a key between the business and educational communities in Blair County, and we are proud to applaud her. She has selflessly helped countless high school students take the steps to identify possible career paths through education and encouragement.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Nicole for their tireless efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF ESTHER  
HOPKINS

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 28, 2022*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Esther Hopkins, the

first African-American Framingham Selectwoman, a chemist, an environmental attorney, and a mother.

Esther Hopkins passed away on May 19, 2021, at the age of 94. Hopkins was born on September 18, 1926, in Stamford, CT. Throughout her life, she broke down barriers, surpassed milestones, and led a life full of notable accomplishments. Hopkins was highly educated, achieving multiple degrees over her lifetime. She received her B.A. from Boston University, her M.A. and M.S. from Howard University, her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, and her Ph.D. from Yale University. Esther was a chemist, environmental attorney, and elected public official in Framingham. She is remembered for not only those accomplishments but also her consistent respect and kindness towards others.

Following her Ph.D., she was offered a job with the Polaroid Corporation where she led the Emulsion Coating and Analysis Laboratory. Following her time at Polaroid, she joined the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as the Deputy General Counsel, which eventually led to her time as an elected official of Framingham. In 1999, she became the first African-American woman to serve on the Board of Selectmen in Framingham, eventually becoming the chair of the board. Following her time as a Selectwoman, she joined the Keefe Tech Regional Vocational School Committee. Additionally, Esther was involved with the Framingham Finance Commission and Framingham's Tercentennial Celebration. After quite an impressive life and career, Hopkins retired to Martha's Vineyard with son, Ewell Hopkins, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Esther Hopkins. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her accomplishments and her life. She will be dearly missed by so many.